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Tom-

Welcome back! I am starting to review the newest admin draft chapters. I don't think this is anything significant, but just wanted you to be aware of the fact that they are continuously tweaking the P&N.  
-Steph

Restore and protect the ability of the SWP and CVP to deliver up to full contract amounts, when  
18 hydrologic conditions result in the availability of sufficient water, consistent with the  
19 requirements of state and federal law and the terms and conditions of water delivery contracts  
20 held by SWP contractors and certain members of San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority, and  
21 other existing applicable agreements.

22 The above Purpose Statement reflects the intent to advance the coequal goals set forth in the  
23 Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009 of providing a more reliable water supply for  
24 California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The above phrase—restore  
25 and protect the ability of the SWP and CVP to deliver up to full contract amounts—is related to the  
26 upper limit of legal CVP and SWP contractual water amounts and delineates an upper bound for  
27 development of EIR/EIS alternatives, not a target. As indicated by the use of “up to full contract  
28 amounts,” alternatives need not be capable of delivering full contract amounts on average in order  
29 to meet the project purposes. It is not intended to imply that increased quantities of water will be  
30 delivered under the BDCP. As indicated by the use of “up to full contract amounts,” alternatives need  
31 not be capable of delivering full contract amounts on average in order to meet the project purposes.  
32 For the purpose of NEPA, aAlternatives that depict design capacities or operational parameters that  
33 would result in deliveries of less than full contract amounts are consistent with this purpose.

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